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*MAFFS prepares  
to aid Smokey Bear*  
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# BRAC - What's it all mean?

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane  
302nd AW commander

For the Air Force, we are facing a future full of huge mission changes. For example,

the F-22 will reduce our fighter fleet because of its capability. We are moving heavily into space, and unmanned vehicles like the Predator. We have bases with serious encroachment issues. We have downsized the Air Force by about 25 percent, but we have reduced our bases by no more than 10 percent. When these issues are added together it is clear the Air Force must periodically review the number and location of its facilities.

The Air Force is a huge bureaucracy and major changes are very hard to accomplish. The same is true for the other services as well. Bases are extremely difficult to close, partly because of the intense political pressures involved. Base Realignment and Closure is a process invented by Congress to allow the Pentagon to lump a lot of changes into a single process and establishes a simple up/down voting process to temper the individual political difficulties.

Recently, the Pentagon announced a large list of base closings and a larger list of unit realignments. The announcement impacts many Air Force Reserve Command units and bases; Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever AFB included. Before anyone gets too excited about the details, it is important



Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, addresses the audience at the Sumit 38 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony May 14. See story on page 4. (Photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron UPAR)

to understand the process.

The Pentagon announcement is the first of several steps. It was not a decision. The Pentagon proposal will be submitted to the BRAC Commission. This group will visit the various bases and hear community inputs. They will start with the Pentagon's list, but they are free to add or delete bases from the list. The commission is on a tight schedule and is required to provide their recommendation to the president in about 90 days.

The president will consider the commission's recommendation and can approve it in total or reject it in total. He has no authority to selectively add or delete individual bases. If he rejects the recommendations, the process is over. If he approves the list he forwards it to Congress.

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**Smokey's pal**  
Senior Master Sgt. Pete LaBarre Jr., 302nd Airlift Control Flight loadmaster, sits at the Modular Airborne Firefighting System control module panel. For more on MAFFS, see pages 8&9 (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley)

## UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: June 11-12**

**July 9-10**  
**Aug. 6-7**  
**Sept. 10-11**

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# Sumit 38 – bridging time through remembrance

**By Chief Master Sgt. Eric Deylius**  
302nd AW Chiefs' Group

As the old saying goes, there are no other events that bring families together more than weddings and funerals, or, in our case, the Sumit 38 Memorial.

I was truly overwhelmed by the turnout for this event. I believe it shows that the roots of this wing are firmly planted, and that the ties from the past and the future are definitely in place.

The theme of the me-

morial was to bridge the past with the present, and the present with the future.



With the Sumit 38 Memorial in the background, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fulbright, High Frontier Honor Guard team chief, performed a flag presentation sequence at the remembrance ceremony. (Photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron UPAR)

This was not only accomplished in the ceremonial sense, but also with the membership of the audience. By this I mean there were members of this wing present in the audience who have been here since the beginning of this wing's history, sitting with members who are fairly new, members who did not have the privilege of knowing any of the crew of Sumit 38.

Old or new, I would venture to say the im-

pact of the memorial was shared evenly, backing the statement that our roots, not only as a wing, but also as a family, are firmly planted.

I would like to thank all the members of our wing who gave their time and energy to this event.

I would also like to thank Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Walter Hatcher, former commander of the 302nd Airlift Wing, for their attendance. Their presence truly showed the significance of this event.

Thank you, one and all.

## Be a good wingman during 101 critical days of summer

**By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley**  
Chief, Air Force Reserve

The 101 critical days of summer runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, May 28 through Sept. 5. During this period in 2004 we lost 32 Airmen to senseless mishaps.

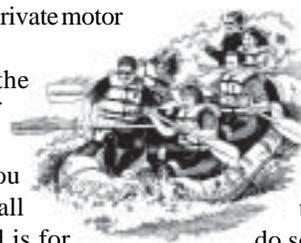
Things are looking much better this year. In fact, we have the lowest mishap rate in 10 years. We need to continue what we are doing and look for even more creative ways to help our young folks make it through their bullet proof years.

Summer is approaching and many Airmen are planning vacations that will expose them to long distance driving risks. Others will take advantage of good weather to go to the beaches and lakes, and motorcyclists are

eager to hit the open roads. The point is that risks go up exponentially this time of year. Regardless of your plans, remember this - almost 90 percent of the Air Force's fatal accidents occur off-duty and the overwhelming majority involve private motor vehicles.

Commanders - you bear the responsibility for the welfare of our greatest asset - our Airmen. You prove every day that you know what risk management is all about, on-duty. What we need is for you to demand the same standard for your Airmen once they go out the gate. We are Airmen 24/7, and we must apply the same rules of risk management and personal responsibility around the clock.

Supervisors - like commanders you are responsible for the well being of the Airmen you supervise. You are in the best position to listen and influence their safe behavior on- and off-duty.



Airmen - be good wingmen. Take care of one another - step in when your wingman needs help. Don't be afraid to take the keys when your wingman has had too much to drink or is about to do something irresponsible. Be a

friend!

Enjoy the summer, but enjoy it safely. We need each and every one of you - make it your personal goal. Weigh the risk before engaging in any activity. Be a good wingman.

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Congress has the same up/down vote. Like the president, they lack the authority to add or remove bases. They can only approve or reject the recommendations. If they reject the plan, the process is over. If they approve the recommendation, the commission's rec-

ommendation becomes law.

Congress is required to complete the review process by mid-December 2005.

The next step is to implement the recommendations. The law that establishes BRAC requires that closures and realignments begin within two years.

So, there are several "ifs" between the Pentagon's an-

nouncement and any possible actions here at Peterson or anywhere else. As we move through the process, I will do my best to keep everyone informed about the impact on our unit and the rest of the command. You can expect BRAC to be the subject of future articles over the next few months.

When we, the United States

Air Force, are all done with BRAC, we should be much better positioned to accept the new missions that are evolving from new technologies and new operational imperatives.

These changes are crucial if the Air Force Reserve, the 302nd Airlift Wing and the 310th Space Group are going to be relevant to the Air Force of the future.



302nd Airlift Wing members, family and friends pay tribute to the crew of Sumit 38 during the National Anthem. (Photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

## 302nd Airlift Wing remembers Sumit 38

**By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins**  
*Front Range Flyer*

The heavens were keeping an eye on the 302nd Airlift Wing last month. Under overcast skies and the threat of heavy rain, the 10th anniversary of the Sumit 38 crash was observed in a remembrance ceremony held May 14 at the Sumit 38 Memorial.

The memorial, located in the courtyard between Buildings 890 and 895, is dedicated to six wing members who were killed when their C-130, call sign "Sumit 38," crashed near Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, on May 13, 1995. Crew members were Lt. Col. Robert Buckhout, Capt. Geoffrey Boyd, 1st Lt. Lance Dougherty, Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Vail, Master Sgt. Jay Kemp, and Staff Sgt. Michael Scheideman.

Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, rededicated the memorial during the highly tearful and very emotional ceremony attended by Buckhout, Dougherty, Vail, Kemp and Scheideman family members. Among the distinguished guests were Maj. Gen. James D.

Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Walter T. Hatcher, former 302nd AW commander. Also attending were numerous past and present members of the 302nd AW.

The ceremony began with "Taps," which was played on a silver trumpet by Master Sgt. David D. Carey, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster. His rendition of this tribute to the fallen men and women in uniform created a somber yet respectful atmosphere which was maintained throughout the program.

The ceremony continued with a roll call of the aircrew members and remarks from Chief Master

hearts and in our thoughts," said Chief Deylius after naming the members of the Sumit 38 aircrew.

The invocation was provided by Chief Master Sergeant Ronald E. Bebow, 302nd AW maintenance superintendent. Col. (Ret.) Wes Langland, former 302nd Operations group commander, read "On That Day," a poem he wrote 10 years ago in honor of the Sumit 38 aircrew.

A soul-stirring rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed a cappella by Master Sgt. Cassandra Anderson, United States Air Force Academy Band vocalist. This was followed by Cols. Ted Wright and Michael

commander, providing their personal reflections. Afterward, General Kane rededicated the memorial.

During his rededication remarks, General Kane referred to the last verse of the poem, "High Flight," by World War II pilot officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

"The crew members of Sumit 38 touched the face of God," said General Kane.

After the rededication, Sergeant Anderson performed again, singing the "National Anthem," as the High Frontier Honor Guard raised the flag from half-mast to full mast, then lowered it, thus beginning the retreat ceremony.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fulbright, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer and honor guard detail team chief, performed a flag presentation sequence to the music of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

"The flag that was flown over the memorial today is dedicated to the families of the crew of Sumit 38," said Chief Deylius during his closing remarks. "It will be on permanent display at 302nd headquarters."

At a reception following the ceremony, Sumit 38 family members and past and present 302nd AW members came together as one and exchanged memories.



Chief Master Sgts. Ron Bebow (left) and Eric Deylius unveil the Air Force symbol, an addition to the Sumit 38 Memorial. (Photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

Sgt. Eric P. Deylius, 731st AS chief of aircrew life support, who served as narrator for the event.

"All members present in our

Sumida, both former wing vice commanders; Lt. Col. Luke Coker, 302nd OG navigator, and Lt. Col. Bob Chapman, 731st AS

# BRAC recommendations affect C-130, space crews

**By 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie**  
*Front Range Flyer*

The 302nd Airlift Wing and the 310th Space Group will both gain from the Secretary of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure recommendations released on May 14.

If the recommendations are approved, the 302nd AW will receive four C-130 aircraft from the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. The unit will become an active associate unit under the recommendations.

The intent of the associate unit is to give active duty manpower and crews greater access to reserve component airframes and create opportunities for seasoning active

duty members through association with the corporate experience retained in the reserve component.

The 310th SG will receive the expeditionary combat support unit from Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y. The ESC will provide manpower to better support the Reserve mission at Schriever AFB.

Other significant Air Force Reserve Command recommendations:

- Close the following bases: Niagara ARS, N.Y.; Pittsburgh ARS, Pa.; and General Mitchell ARS, Wis.
- AFRC operations will be halted at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Wis.; Portland ANGB, Ore.; Willow Grove ARS, Pa.; and New Orleans Naval Air Station Joint

reserve Base, La.; with the wing functions moving to other locations. Reserve flying operations at Beale AFB, Calif., will convert from KC-135s to unmanned aerial vehicles.

- AFRC will stand up a new Active Associate C-130 Wing at Fort Bragg, N.C.

AFRC has several other major changes involving new wings at various locations. The Air National Guard has similar large scale changes to its basing and force structure.

BRAC recommendations, if adopted, would close 33 military bases and realign 29 more.

More details about the BRAC recommendations are available at <http://www.af.mil/brac>.

# Aerial porters prepare humanitarian loads for Afghanistan

**By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton**  
*Front Range Flyer*

The 39th Aerial Port Squadron has been busy lately. While many of the squadron's personnel remained deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,

other squadron members were busy during the May unit training assembly preparing humanitarian loads to be delivered to another distant land.

Ten loads of school supplies were palletized and prepared for shipment to Kabul, Afghanistan.

The shipment included school desks, chairs, books, a Nordic Track fitness machine, and one four-wheel drive motor vehicle.

"I showed up for work on the UTA and the school supplies were here," said Senior Master Sgt. Olah Murphy, 39th APS air terminal services operations superintendent. "Our guys worked hard in a short amount of time to get the loads ready."

The shipment was part of the ongoing Denton Amendment program. The program allowed for military support in providing shipment of humanitarian goods to other countries, and was donated by the Rotary Club of Denver Southeast.

The Denton Amendment was first introduced in 1985 and amended to the Foreign As-

sistance Act of 1961. The amendment is named after its founder, U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton of Alabama.

Denton, a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War, instituted the program, which allows the military, through the State Department, to transport food, medical supplies and other supplies donated by non-governmental agencies free of charge, when space is available, to needy people throughout the world.

"We were waiting on this shipment for two weeks," said Airman 1st Class Ryan Spawr, 39th APS air transportation apprentice. "A lot of guys worked hard to get it ready for delivery."

39th APS members packaged and prepared the pallets. Active duty personnel loaded the shipment on an awaiting civilian aircraft on the Peterson Air Force Base tarmac for delivery to the Afghans for Tomorrow in Kabul, Afghanistan.

"This was the third shipment of school supplies to Afghanistan in the last three years," said Master Sgt. Ron Sutton, 39th APS air transportation manager. "Each shipment is considerably larger than the previous one."



Staff Sgt. Brian D. Hanson, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman, places a support underneath a pallet of school supplies. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

# 731st AS presents airlifter leadership awards

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins  
*Front Range Flyer*

The recipients of the 731st Airlift Squadron's 2004 Airlifter Leadership Awards were recognized in a ceremony conducted May 15 in the Peterson Air Force Base Officers Club. The 2003 award winners presented the awards to the 2004 recipients.

The Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman Noncommissioned Officer Airlifter Leadership Award was presented in absentia to Tech. Sgt. Myron L. Davis, 731st AS flight engineer, who is currently deployed. The "Scheidy" award is awarded to the noncommissioned officer with the rank of either staff sergeant or technical sergeant who exhibits the professionalism, pride and "leadership in action" that its namesake was known for.

"While not formally in a position of leadership, the award recipient's impact on the unit's mission is invaluable as he or she leads by the example of his

actions," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Harvey, 731st AS loadmaster and 2003 recipient of the award.

The Master Sgt. Jay Kemp Senior Noncommissioned Officer Airlifter Leadership Award was presented to Senior Master Sgt. David Gilson, 731st AS loadmaster. The Kemp award is presented to the senior non-commissioned officer whose leadership abilities seamlessly linked the unit's mission requirements with their subordinates' needs and development.

"Just as the award's namesake, Senior Master Sgt. Gilson holds himself to the highest standards while mentoring subordinates to excel both professionally and personally," said Chief Master Sgt. James Riley, 731st AS chief loadmaster and 2003 Kemp award winner.

The Chief Master Sergeant Jimmie D. Vail Enlisted Airlifter Leadership Award was presented to Master Sgt. David D. Carey, 731st AS flight engineer. The Vail award is earned by the



Senior Master Sgt. David Gilson (left), 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, Master Sgt. David D. Carey, 731st AS flight engineer, were among this year's airlifter leadership award winners. (Photo by Budd Butcher, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

noncommissioned officer from rank of staff sergeant to chief master sergeant who, as the award's namesake suggests, leads as a teacher, counting on their subordinates to continually grow, and as a supervisor who

expects them to always do their best. As their most ardent supporter, the recipient of this award consistently puts the troops' needs and careers above his

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## 302nd AW quarterly award winner aspires to sit on 'hill'

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor  
*Front Range Flyer*

The most recent 302nd Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter is intent on climbing the



Senior Airman Isaiah Lechowit examines a C-130 wheel well during a pre-flight inspection. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

ladder of success. If all goes well, Senior Airman Isaiah Lechowit, 302nd Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance technician, will be sitting atop the biggest hill in the United States – Capitol Hill.

Preparing for his final year at the University of Colorado in Boulder, the political science major is hoping his career path will lead to Washington, D.C.

"I would like to work in the foreign policy department on the hill," said Airman Lechowit.

His accomplishments in Boulder have been noteworthy to date. Airman Lechowit was named Student Leader of the Year by the *Colorado Daily*, a newspaper which serves close to 30,000 people in the Boulder community and on the CU campus. His freshman class was also named Best

Student Group by *The College Republic*.

Airman Lechowit foots the bill for his education out of his own pocket, working full-time as a desk clerk for a national motel chain. He also takes advantage of what the Air Force Reserve offers to students. Likewise, he chose the maintenance career field for what it offers.

"I just wanted to know what my options were," he said. "I liked this option above all others."

Airman Lechowit believes the award is representative of what the wing's aircraft maintenance section is all about.

"I think it's a culmination of all the values and work ethic my unit has instilled in me," he said. "I think it's a reflection of not only myself, but of the airmen and NCOs."

Pursuing his dream in the state with the nation's highest elevation, Airman Lechowit is well on his way to the top of the hill.

# Family support ready to assist families

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
Front Range Flyer

*Editor's note – This continues a series of articles providing information for families of deployed members.*

Families of deployed 302nd Airlift Wing members have a place to turn for assistance when their loved one deploys either state-side or overseas. It's the 302nd Mission Support Flight Family Support office and it's noted on the deployment checklist for unit members departing for temporary duty assignments.

The first step in the process is to fill out a family support data card to give 302nd MSF Family Support personnel an indication of who might be important to the deploying member. "Our concern is not just married people," said Tech. Sgt. Henrietta Gilreath, 302nd MSF, noncommissioned officer in charge of family support. "It might be a neighbor or a friend, and doesn't have to be a dependent. We extend beyond the military dependent to whomever they consider family. It may be aunts, uncles, significant others, or anyone else important to the deploying member that we'll consider family."

With everything which needs to be accomplished when preparing for deployment, it might be easy to overlook some of the more important matters. That's where family support intervenes.

"A lot of people come in, and may be focused on just one thing," said Sergeant Gilreath. "We send out information packets

to families to prepare for when they deploy and when they return. We become more of a referral agency. We're not counselors, but we try to refer them to the right agency."

Customer service is one of those agencies most often referred to by family support personnel. One common occurrence is loss of a dependent identification card while a military member is assigned away from home. Dependents may have trouble gaining access to the base and will need to contact family support for assistance.

"Our office will escort them on base," said Sergeant Gilreath. "Spouses need to call customer service for a

copy of the orders and present a marriage certificate. DEERS is also a critical issue when obtaining a new ID card."

Other available services include the active duty family support services on Peterson Air Force Base at 556-0910 or DSN 834-0910.

"If we're not here the active duty is avail-



Tech. Sgt. Henrietta Gilreath (right), 302nd Mission Support Flight noncommissioned officer in charge of family support, reviews ID card information with Staff Sgt. Norma L. Evans, 302nd Airlift Wing finance technician, in preparation for Sergeant Evans' deployment. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

able. If needed, we can send them e-mail messages," said Sergeant Gilreath. "Many people feel they have to go to the unit of assignment's family support office, and that's the only service available to them. What they need to realize is assistance is available at any military base that may be located closer to where they live."

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"Sergeant Dave Carey was mentored by Chief Vail," said Master Sgt. Tom Farley, 731st AS flight engineer, during his presentation remarks.

"The airlifter leadership awards was developed in 2001 and designed to be an annual award program tailored to the enlisted aircrew members of the 731st Airlift Squadron," said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Kite,

302nd Operations Group superintendent. "The award program was named for and honors the three enlisted flyers who lost their lives on Sumit 38 on May 13, 1995," he said.

In addition to their namesakes, another unique quality of these awards is that the recipients are nominated by their fellow enlisted colleagues.

"Since the first year of the awards, a ballot is given to every enlisted aircrew member in the wing, the 731st, TALCE, 39th APS, ops group, and OSF," said

Chief Riley. "The ballots list the names of the award nominees and also the criteria for each award. They then vote for whom they think should win," he said.

Sergeant Kite also provided an overview of the awards program to the Sumit 38 family members who attended the 10th anniversary of Sumit 38 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony held May 14. The "briefing" was provided during a group dinner also held at the officers club.

This year heralded the third year of the award program, which

began in December 2001.

In his remarks during the ceremony, Lt. Col. Bob Chapman, 731st AS commander, reminded the audience of what was going on in the world when the program started, and the extremely busy tempo of the flying squadron and operations group since. "This is my first opportunity to say 'thanks' to these men for what they've done for our country, our squadron, our wing and our leadership," said Colonel Chapman.

# 302nd Airlift Wing firefighters ready

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor  
Front Range Flyer

Smokey Bear has been fighting wildland fires since 1944. The 302nd Airlift Wing hasn't been battling blazes nearly as long, but the wing is prepared to help Smokey at a moment's notice.

Members of the 302nd AW converged on Donaldson Center Airport, Greenville, S.C., May 1-7 for annual Modular Airborne Firefighting System training and certification. Several of them have fought wildfires before, while others are new to the mission. Now, each one of them is ready if or when the call for help comes.

Through an agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense, the military aerial firefighting units can only be called to action when all commercial assets have been utilized.

The 302nd AW is the only Reserve unit with the MAFFS mission. The other three are Guard units – the 153rd AW, Cheyenne, Wyo.; the 146th AW, Port Hueneme, Calif.; and the 145th AW in Charlotte, N.C.

The 302nd AW is coming off one of its busiest years ever. Activated for more than 100 days, 302nd AW crews flew an overwhelming majority of the 329 sorties which battled blazes in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

In preparation for the fire season, crews who fly MAFFS missions are required to participate in annual recurrency training.

While the members up on the flight deck have an important role, getting in close to a raging inferno and lining up the target, it's the guys back in the cargo bay who hold key positions in the handling of the MAFFS units.

"Loadmasters operate the MAFFS system from the control module panel in the back of the aircraft," said Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley,

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Carlos Mendoza (above), 302nd Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance craftsman, pulls the chocks from a C-130 during annual Modular Airborne Firefighting System certification and training. Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Gurule (left), 302nd MXS electrical and environmental systems craftsman, pulls the hose after refilling the MAFFS tanks with water. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

# Ready to tame nature's fury

Larry Mitchell (left), 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief, refuels his bird. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

they're not properly maintained. Therefore, the wing sends several maintainers to MAFFS certification and training as well. In addition to taking care of the aircraft's maintenance, they also learn how to operate the pits where the C-130s refuel and reload with water or slurry.

"Annual MAFFS refresher training is critical when the actual wildfire season starts," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bebow, 302nd AW maintenance superintendent. "Marshalling procedures for close-in ground operations, ground and aircrew communication/coordination and the uploading of retardant safety are critical skills that must be practiced. The ability to perform those skills quickly and with sound maintenance application will help decrease aircraft turnaround time and increase the number of actual air-

drops completed within a duty day."

MAFFS units can drop either water or "slurry." Slurry is a mixture of water; ammonium sulfate, which is a jelling agent; and red coloring. The red coloring in the retardant helps pilots see where they have dropped previous loads.

The slurry retards the fire but also acts as a fertilizer. A MAFFS unit discharges the agent in a mist, so the slurry does not cause damage to buildings. During the training week, MAFFS aircraft drop water to help keep costs at a minimum.

It takes approximately two hours to load a MAFFS unit onto the C-130, but the unit can discharge its load – 3,000 gallons weighing 28,000 pounds – in five seconds. The C-130s drop retardant from an altitude of about 150 feet. The retardant covers an area about one-quarter of a mile long and 60 feet wide. After the plane discharges its load, it can be refilled in less than 20 minutes.

After flying 40 sorties in South Carolina, the 302nd AW's aerial firefighters have shown, as in the past, they are once again ready to lend Smokey Bear a helping hand.



Master Sgt. Tom Freeman, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, sits at the MAFFS control module panel. (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley)



731st Airlift Squadron chief loadmaster. "On the ground, they supervise and monitor the loading of retardant and air in the aircraft. In flight, they operate the MAFFS system including the slurry tank, extending and retracting the dissemination tubes, and providing coverage presiding over the retardant drop point." "Our 'birds' can't fly if



Maj. Som Chai Odom (left), 731st Airlift Squadron assistant flight commander, is prepared to soar. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



Vic Cowan, 302nd Maintenance Squadron aircraft engine mechanic, connects power to a Herc. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

# 19th SOPS to maintain continuity

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

A seven-year association with the 310th Space Group has come to a close. Lt. Col. Donald P. Christy, who first joined the 310th SG as operations officer during its infancy stages in 1998, relinquished command of the unit's 19th Space Operations Squadron to Lt. Col. Pamela J. Lincoln during a change of command ceremony at Schriever Air Force Base on May 14.

"By far this is the best group of people I've had the privilege of working with during my career," said Colonel Christy. "Commanding this unit has been one of the greatest experiences in my life."

One of those people he worked with was Colonel Lincoln, who became operations officer at the 19th SOPS after tours of duty



Lt. Col. Pamela J. Lincoln, 19th Space Operations Squadron commander, speaks to the audience after accepting command of the unit in May. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

form of a combined active-duty and Air Force Reserve career spanning more than 16 years for the 1987 University of Pittsburgh graduate. She received her commission from of-

augmenting the Space Division of Surveillance and Reconnaissance in 2001 and the Space Integration Branch for the Air Force Deputy Director of Space in 2002.

"When it came time to select the new commander, she was the obvious choice," said Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th SG commander. "The 19th SOPS will have a tremendous leader for the next few years."

Preparation for command has come in the

ficer training school in 1989, and was named distinguished graduate of the Undergraduate Missile School the same year. She has a master's degree in Aviation Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and has completed the Air Command and Staff Course.

"I knew from the time I was a second lieutenant I wanted to command," said Colonel Lincoln. "This is scary and thrilling at the same time. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Meanwhile, Colonel Christy will also be taking on another challenge when he attends the Army War College in Carlyle, Pa.

Prior to departing, the colonel was awarded the bronze star for supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom from March through June 2004. He served as deputy group commander for the 447th Air Expeditionary Group directing the drawdown of two military operations at Baghdad International Airport while the unit was under constant mortar, rocket and small arms fire.

## 310th Communications Flight co-hosts network gurus

By Capt. Jefferson D. Devine Jr.  
*AFSPC Network Operations and Security Center*

Air Force Space Command network experts from around the globe gathered at Peterson Air Force Base April 26-28. The workshop was co-hosted by the AFSPC Communications Support Squadron and the 310th Communications Flight.

During opening remarks, Col. Joyce Jenkins-Harden, AFSPC CSS commander, charged attendees to stop thinking of their

networks as simply a base entity and to start thinking in terms of an Air Force enterprise.

"When a user at F.E. Warren accidentally infects their PC with a virus, the Air Force enterprise network is infected," said Colonel Jenkins-Harden.

Defending against viruses and protecting the network were major topics during the workshop.

"We're seeing a shift in the way our networks are attacked," said Special Agent Glen Chandler, Office of Special Investiga-

tions, assigned to the AFSPC Network Operations and Security Center. "The stereotypical teen hacker has been replaced by well-organized groups with tremendous resources."

AFSPC is responding to the threat by better organizing itself. The command's defense is improving by consolidating control of all network boundaries.

"We're all dealing with similar problems and issues, and some of the bases have come up with solutions that will help all of us," Dennis Thompson, network

chief at Patrick AFB, Fla.

"By all accounts, the workshop was a great success," said Maj. Diana Bishop, 310th CF commander. "Attendees were able to share ideas, learn from other's experiences and foster relationships within the communications community. Hopefully, the most important benefits of the workshop will be seen over the coming weeks and months as the attendees use their new knowledge to improve communication services at their bases." (AFSPC News Service)

## 310th Space Group to hold ribbon cutting ceremony June 11

A B-25 flyover will be among the attractions christening the new 310th Space Group Operations Facility at Schriever Air Force Base June 11.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, beginning at 10 a.m., will also feature keynote speaker Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Chief of the Air

Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command.

B-25 rides will be offered at the Colorado Jet Center at the old terminal area of the Colorado Springs Airport. Contact Master Sgt. James Wilkinson at 567-6177 for details. The day's events will conclude

with a military ball at the Double Tree Hotel.

For additional information, contact Maj. Allen Knapp at 567-8923, 598-8763, 930-1040 or e-mail allenknapp@aol.com; or contact Master Sgt. Marvin Gielen at 567-6016.

# AFRC holds two discharge boards

**By Lt. Col. Rodney Wynn**  
302nd AW Judge Advocate

Air Force Reserve Command held two discharge boards in April.

In the first, a 22nd AF unit staff sergeant met a discharge board for 12 unexcused unit training assembly absences. However, his girlfriend called the unit before the June 2004 UTA and left a message with someone other than the respondent's supervisor stating that he would not be attending the UTA because in May he had been sentenced to several months of prison due to his failure to pay child support.

After the respondent left prison, he attended UTAs in August and September 2004. He received no counseling or disciplinary action, then proceeded to miss the October and November UTAs. However, he called the unit and left a message with someone other than his supervisor stating that he would not be attending those UTAs due to transportation problems (he

never received an affirmative excusal, but he did call in). When he attended the December UTA he received a letter of reprimand and "No Pay, No Points" letter and was notified of the commander's intent to discharge.

At the board, he stated that since he had received no disciplinary action, not even verbal counseling, he had believed his behavior was acceptable. He stated when he was in prison he asked his girlfriend to notify the unit about his absence, and when he went back to the unit for the August and September UTAs and received no counseling he thought that his absences had been excused.

Because he thought this system worked in the past, he thought it was acceptable for him to leave a message with his unit for the October and November UTAs absences.

The board recommended he be discharged with an Honorable discharge, but the discharge should be suspended for rehabilitation and probation.

Bear in mind that judge advocate offices take seriously such recommendations.

There are several things to learn from this case. First, the unit never gave him a letter of counseling or LOR for failure to pay support. Secondly, the unit took no action, not even verbal counseling, when he missed the June and July UTAs. Counseling serves an important purpose in addition to documenting misconduct; it puts a person on notice that the behavior is unacceptable and gives him a chance to conform conduct to standards.

Remember, nothing is obvious until it is stated. Here, the board members thought it reasonable for the respondent to believe it was acceptable for him to just "call in" his planned absences, because no one counseled him on his return to the unit in September for the previous absences.

A unit is responsible for attempting to contact the absent reservist to ascertain the reason for his absence and to counsel/

remind him of the next UTA. Also, the unit is to document misconduct and try to rehabilitate a member.

Finally, units need to have a firm procedure for a person to be excused from attending a UTA. Here, the member had a practice of notifying everyone but his supervisor about his anticipated absences. Units need to stress to members that they need to actually obtain an approved excusal from an authorized person and cannot assume that by notifying anyone in the unit about a problem concerning attending a UTA that it will equate to an excused absence.

In the second case, a 4th AF E-6 met a discharge board pursuant to a random urinalysis. His urine tested positive for marijuana at a level of 27 ng/mL; the DoD cutoff is 15 ng/mL.

The squadron and wing commanders recommended an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions discharge and the board decided that he should be discharged with an UOTHC service characterization.

## Local Wolf pack shines on Colorado slopes

**By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor**  
Front Range Flyer

When you see a wolf pack heading in your direction get out of the way. This is especially true if they've got their feet attached to snow skis.

302nd Airlift Wing member Kelli Wolf and her family – husband, Roger, and twin daughters, Allie and Samantha, – put terror into the hearts of fellow racers during the recent ski season. Each member of the Wolf quartet was ranked among the top 10 in Colorado in National Standard Race competition during the 2004-05 season.

Kelli ranked #1 in the Novice Female, Age 40-44 category. Samantha and

Allie ranked #2 and #5, respectively in the Expert Female, Age 9-10 category. Roger was #7 in the Expert Male, Age 40-44 category.

Kelli was also ranked #11 nationally in her age and gender category while the girls were among or close to the top third nationally out of more than 2,700 female racers. Roger was just shy of finishing in the top 10 percent of all male racers out of more than 7,100 male racers in the country.

Roger, Samantha and Allie started racing in 2001, but the whole family began getting into the act when Kelli starting racing in the 2003-2004 season.

This past winter, the whole family took NASTAR to heart, recording just three DNFs (did not finish) in 300 plus races. Fifty-six of their more than 250 medals were gold.



Left to right, Roger, Samantha, Allie and Kelli Wolf. (Photo courtesy of Kelli Wolf)

## Rental vehicle accidents

# Assistance available for government travelers

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

Help is available for temporarily assigned personnel involved in rental car accidents. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, which manages the U.S. Government Car Rental Program, also provides insurance for damages done to a rental car through an agreement with many of the rental car companies.

The first step for any government traveler to avoid extensive charges for out of pocket costs, or charges to a government charge card during rental car accidents is to reserve a rental vehicle through the approving Commercial Travel Office on base. The CTO generally will reserve a vehicle from a company and location part of the SDDC agreement.

Keep in mind, Bank of America doesn't

provide rental car insurance, and the government travel card is only for payment of the rental vehicle.

"When I first took this job 16 months ago, I began getting questions from government travel card cardholders about handling rental car accidents," said Ms. Josephine Davis, Air Force banking officer at the Pentagon. "It was not a government travel card issue. The government travel card just happened to be the payment for the vehicle used."

However, limited collision and theft coverage is provided by VISA USA. VISA must be notified within 20 days of any acci-

dent involving a rental car, and can be contacted at 1-800-VISA-911. Information on VISA insurance coverage can be found at [http://usa.visa.com/corporate/government\\_solutions/payment/visa\\_travel.html](http://usa.visa.com/corporate/government_solutions/payment/visa_travel.html).

Rental car companies will usually honor insurance claims and cover damages to rental cars if the rented vehicle was rented under agreement with SDDC. However, certain criteria must be met: the vehicle must be authorized on a person's orders and the rented vehicle must come from a participating company and location. Driving while under the influence or carrying passengers for hire are two instances where the rental car company will not pay for damages during an accident. Some SUVs and vans carrying more than 8 passengers are not always covered depending on the rental company. There are eight other extenuating circumstances that will preclude a rental car company from paying for accidental damages. All deal with misuse of the vehicle.

"The questions continued," said Ms. Davis. "So I continued to research the process until I identified the Military Services Program Management Office, and found the Army was responsible for all DoD. I then worked with the PMO, Army JAG, and the Air Force until we ended up with user-

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## New Air Force Reserve Command anti-drug initiative begins

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Supply and demand are part of life in America. Unfortunately, that life includes a large supply of abused legal and illegal drugs.

In an effort to reduce the demand for these drugs, Air Force Reserve Command began its "True Blue" campaign command-wide in April.

"In the past, anti-drug or anti-substance abuse efforts were all negative and centered on disciplinary action," said Dr. Don Jenrette, the command's drug demand reduction program manager. "Our new True Blue initiative promotes healthy living, career-mind sets and career role models."

Trial runs of the new initiative at the 440th Airlift Wing, Gen-

eral Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Milwaukee, Wis., exceeded planners' goals.

"We focused the trial test around four themes," said Ms. Bobbie Sellers, AFRC's drug demand reduction specialist. "We worked to raise awareness of what reservists should value over substance abuse and what they can do to protect their health, career and family and fulfill their leadership role with others."

Since 1998, the primary emphasis of AFRC's Drug Demand Reduction Program was detection through random military and civilian drug testing.

The new True Blue initiative showcases positive and healthy life choices. It introduces reserv-

ists and other command members to a new logo, themes and messages that are communicated by a dedicated Web site, with downloadable in-house developed posters, video streams, tri-fold pamphlets and other educational venues encouraging people to be free of substance abuse and where to go for help.

"Our goal, while a lofty one, is to have a workplace free of substance abuse," said Dr. Jenrette. "In the profession of arms, our people often put their lives in the hands of their coworkers. We cannot afford to have people on the team who are not at the top of their game or incapacitated by substance abuse – after all, we are talking about a matter of life and death."

The mission of the AFRC pro-

gram is to enhance readiness by eliminating substance abuse through prevention, education, community outreach and drug testing.

The program's vision is for Air Force True Blue reservists to set the standard and lead the way to a substance abuse-free community. Reservists can learn more about the program by going to the True Blue link on the restricted AFRC Web site. While visiting the site, planners encourage visitors to take a moment to complete a survey.

"We strongly encourage feedback," said Dr. Jenrette. "That's how we can make the site the best it can be and the go-to place for anti-substance abuse related education and information." (AFRC News Service)



**Commander's call is cancelled**

The 302nd Airlift Wing commander's call scheduled for the June unit training assembly is cancelled.

**Another government card hoax circulating**

302nd Airlift Wing members who hold Bank of America VISA cards need to be on guard. Another potential hoax is circulating.

Cardholders may receive a letter notifying them that Bank of America has had to block their account access because the member's account may have been compromised by outside parties.

The letter contains a Web site link, which you should not access.

**Your employment rights are on Web**

The U.S. Department of Labor's relatively new Uniformed Services Employment And Reemployment Rights Act rule requires that employee-reservists be given express, content-mandated notice of their USERRA rights.

Civilian personnel is the official office of primary responsibility for assuring the required notice is given to employee-reservists. To virtually "flood" members periodically from all sides with the required notice, should reduce the likelihood an employee-reservist will assert, "but, nobody ever told me!"

The information is a one-page "USERRA Notice," with its text

taken directly from the DoL's rule. Look on the wing home page, <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/302aw/welcome.htm> under JAG Training.

**Volunteers sought to read at wall**

Volunteers are needed to read names at The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience during Independence Day weekend.

Readers would volunteer to read names for 20 minutes on July 1, 2 or 3 at the traveling wall, which will be displayed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Funeral Home, 3825 Airport Rd., Colorado Springs.

The wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans memorial in Washington, D.C.

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a reader can contact Jeanie McIntyre at (719) 471-9900 or Auddie Cox at (719) 391-9796 or by sending an e-mail to [coxnews@earthlink.net](mailto:coxnews@earthlink.net) (type Vietnam Wall in the subject line).

**Adoption fair scheduled for June 16**

Are you considering adoption? If so, then you should make plans to attend the adoption fair planned for Thursday, June 16, at the Armed Services YMCA, Thursday, June 16, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The fair, sponsored by the Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever AFB and U.S. Air Force Academy family support centers, will cover local and infant open adoption, foster adoption, interstate adoptions, international adoption services, financial and military information, and will have an adoptive parent forum.

For more information or to register for the fair, call 556-6144, 567-9380, or 333-3444.

**Follow protocol when seeking lodging**

302nd Airlift Wing members

are reminded they must contact the Pikes Peak Lodging when seeking on-base or contract commercial lodging.

The lodging office cannot guarantee reimbursement of lodging fees if members do not contact the lodging for non-availability statements before staying at non-contracted hotels.

Also, wing members should not put a preference hotel on the lodging roster as the 302nd Services Flight will not honor them. All hotels are approved by the 21st Space Wing lodging office.

In addition, member's initials or a signature are required by their name or 302nd SVF will not reserve a room.

If you have questions, contact Master Sgt. Stan Pamphille, Pikes Peak Lodge superintendent, at 556-7851, or Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, 302nd SVF, services specialist, at 556-4001.

**Web site may compromise OPSEC**

There is a private web site asking deployed soldiers to sign up for mail and packages. While this site seems to provide a well-intentioned, valuable service - assisting deployed military members - Air Force officials believe the site's content compromises OPSEC/Force Protection.

The content was recently reviewed and the following information was found: names, descriptions of unit duties, locations, weapons, unit troop strengths, ratio of men to women, tour of duty extension dates, photographs of deployed U.S. military personnel, etc.

Service members are urged to use extreme caution with this or similar web sites. Always consider OPSEC and minimize the information you provide. You may be risking other lives besides your own by participating.

Adversaries can access these

sites and could use the available information to plan attacks against individual service members, their families, or their military units.

Note: The name of the web site was not released in an attempt to prevent curiosity seekers.

**Faulty clothes dryers can cause fires**

According to the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission, a study conducted in 1997 revealed there were 16,800 residential fires reported and responded to by fire departments where the source of the fire was the clothes dryer or vent. These fires caused \$97.3 million in damage, 430 injuries, and 30 deaths.

A clean lint filter can help your dryer run more efficiently and reduce the risk of fire danger. If you use dryer sheets, they leave a light film over the filter, which affects the dryer's efficiency. Clean the filter periodically with soap and water.

It is also a good idea to check and ensure your dryer vent is not blocked.

The following web sites offer more dryer safety news; [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5022.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5022.html), and [www.statefarm.com/consumer/vhouse/articles/dryer.htm](http://www.statefarm.com/consumer/vhouse/articles/dryer.htm).

**Schriever AFB to change phone prefixes**

Beginning June 10, telephone prefixes at Schriever Air Force Base will change. Callers will no longer be able to reach the base by dialing 7.

From Peterson AFB, you will have to dial 99 for an outside line, then dial the 567 prefix and the number. The DSN prefix will remain 560.

If you are attempting to contact the Joint National Integration Center, its commercial and DSN prefixes will change from 567 and 560 to 721.

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## June 11-12

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
<b>S A T U R D A Y</b>	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1630	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Meeting	Bldg. 895, Room 203	DPMT/6-7250
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning Council	Bldg. 895, Room 203	CCX/6-0142
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895, Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
	1300 – 1530	Self Aid/Buddy Care Refresher	Bldg. 350, Room 2127	ASTS/6-1132
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	<b>S U N D A Y</b>	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility
0730 – 0830		Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
0730 – 1200		MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
0800 – 0900		Career Advisor Training	Bldg. 895, Room 203	CCA/6-7702
0900 – 1000		First Sergeants Meeting	Bldg. 208	CCF/6-8307
1000 – 1100		Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
1000 – 1100		Family Support Unit Representative Mtg.	Bldg. 895, Training Room	DPMFR/6-6505
1100 – 1200		Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	LRs/6-7371
1100 – 1300		Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
1600 – 1800		Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but you made lodging reservations?** Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule?** Call (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

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friendly instructions I provided to Air Force personnel that I thought would be helpful.”

If a vehicle is not covered under the SDDC agreement, a rental car company may charge the government travel card for damages, or directly file with the Air Force. Reimbursement of costs incurred on government travel card can be recovered if a person was on official business, and not directly involved with misuse of a rental vehicle. Payment would come directly from the unit's travel funds.

“In the interim, the rental car folks changed paragraphs one and three in the instruction memorandum to clarify these procedures,” said Ms. Davis.

If involved in a rental vehicle accident while on temporary duty assignment imme-

diately contact the police, and file an accident report. Maintain a copy of the report to provide the rental car company. A vehicle accident report form must be submitted to the rental car company, and VISA must be contacted to report any damage to the vehicle.

Notify your supervisor, and maintain all documents relating to the accident. Also, contact the Air Force legal office at the TDY location where the accident occurred, or the permanent duty location legal office upon return from TDY if needed.

“Many travelers when involved in an accident don't know the procedures to follow,” said Christine Braswell, program manager for SDDC. “The traveler may fail to notify the car rental company of the accident and complete the company's accident report (if required by the company). They often fail to call the police and obtain a copy of

the police report.

“Generally, if renters call the police, contact the company, complete an accident report, the claim process goes smoothly,” said Ms. Braswell. “The company assumes responsibility and loss of the vehicle.”

If performing official duty at the time of damage to a rental car, the rental company is prohibited from charging a government credit card per SDDC agreement. If charged inappropriately, first contact the rental car company. If unresponsive, contact the company's SDDC representative. A list of representatives is available at <http://www.mtmc.army.mil/CONTENT/660/participatingsiting.pdf>.

Keep in mind; sometimes a charge on a government travel card may be appropriate. Those instances include a rented vehicle not covered under the SDDC agreement, or if the vehicle was not being used for official duty.

## Newcomers

### 302nd Airlift Wing

Staff Sgt. Michael Davis  
Senior Airman Linda L. Gonzalez

### 302nd Operations Group, Det. 1

Maj. Eric A. Ujfalusy

### 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Airman 1st Class Erin E. Crowthers  
Senior Airman Laurie B. Haugen

### 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Aaron C. Thomas

### 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Linda S. Benton  
Senior Airman Allen B. Chandler

### 302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class John W. Anderson  
Staff Sgt. Michael S. Connor  
Senior Airman Michael R. Dockham  
Senior Airman Tanya M. Gunn-Egan  
Senior Airman Jason B. Hofstetter  
Staff Sgt. Samantha H. McPherran  
Staff Sgt. William B. Tanner

### 302nd Operations Support Flight

Capt. Cathy Del Toro

### 302nd Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Joni K. Swearson

### 302nd Services Flight

Senior Airman Jeremy L. Davis  
Staff Sgt. William E. Louie

### 39th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Simon P. Behrnt  
Staff Sgt. William G. Blanchard  
Staff Sgt. Jason M. Cline

Senior Airman Claude K. Hodge Jr.  
Staff Sgt. Eric J. Marshall

Staff Sgt. Brandon W. Mathews  
Airman 1st Class Kristen E. McDonald  
Master Sgt. Angelia V. Messer  
Airman 1st Class Melodie T. Sedillo  
Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy L. Ward

### 731st Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly A. Faulkner  
Senior Airman Lamont A. Wood

### 310th Space Group

Maj. Maria R. Smith  
Maj. Jennifer L. Waller

### 310th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Andrew H. Denning  
Tech. Sgt. Jerry D. Harris  
Tech. Sgt. Bruce L. Nelson  
Staff Sgt. Nhanh T. Nguyen  
Senior Airman Sean P. Standridge  
Staff Sgt. William B. Tanner

### 6th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Arthur J. Barrett

### 8th Space Warning Squadron

Senior Airman Jeannette L. Cook  
Staff Sgt. Ron H. Tombre

### 14th Test Squadron

Capt. Ronald J. Farmer

## Sharp Troop of the Month

**Name:** Christopher J. Davis

**Rank:** Airman 1st Class

**Section:** 302nd Communications Flight

**Job:** Information Management

**Date assigned:** April 2005

**Hometown:** Long Beach, Calif.

**Hobbies:** Poker

**Favorite thing about your job:** "I enjoy the diverse challenges and the people I work with."

*Supervisors - Do you have an exceptional troop whom you would like to nominate for Sharp Troop of the Month? If so, contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.*



## Promotions

### Senior Master Sergeant

David Gilson  
Susan Rennert

### Master Sergeant

Donald Hultgren  
Melvin Joe  
Vicki Robertson  
Tracey White

### Technical Sergeant

Belissa Bermudez  
Stacey Cameron  
Terry Coen  
Jason Harvey  
David Imes  
Tamra Kleckner  
Lawrence Mitchell  
Milton Page

Jonathan Shaw

Robert Soto

### Staff Sergeant

Billy J. Blair  
Joshua Griffith  
Shonta McKay  
Leandrea Rodriguez  
Tobey Wood

### Senior Airman

Jake Cline-Norton  
Langston Connor  
Kristina Marshall  
Andrew Parmley  
Todd Patrick  
David Ulery

### Airman 1st Class

Uchenna Obioha

## 302nd AW seeking first sergeants

The 302nd Airlift Wing is seeking first sergeants. In an effort to find qualified candidates, a board will be held Sunday of the June unit training assembly.

Interested individuals must submit a package by 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Packages can be submitted to either Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Smith, 302nd AW command chief, Bldg. 893, Suite 131; or to Senior Master Sgt. Robert C. Pacheco, First Sergeant Counsel president, Bldg. 214, Room 134.

The package should contain the following items: letter of interest from the member, letter of recommendation

from the member's commander, letter from the member's commander certifying physical training scores, current records review from 302nd Military Personnel Flight customer service, and a resume with an emphasis on military achievements.

A review of Air Force Instruction 36-2113, which governs first sergeants, is recommended.

The time the board will meet will be announced on Saturday of the June UTA.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Sergeant Pacheco at (719) 556-0060 or Robert.Pacheco@Peterson.af.mil.

## Retirees

Maj. Rylan S. Conrad, 310th SG

Maj. Robert A. Powell, 731st AS

Capt. Wilson Ortiz, 302nd ASTS

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Carton, 731st AS

Senior Master Sgt. Robert D. Green, 302nd LRS

Master Sgt. Charles P.F. Miller, 302nd LRS

Tech. Sgt. Dale E. Dockter, 302nd LRS

Staff Sgt. Raymond E. Peck, 302nd LRS

### 901st/302nd Reunion Western Barbecue and Dance

Saturday, Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m. Bldg. 210, Bay 1

**Aug. 5, Social at Officers Club, 6 p.m.**

For info, call Mary Griffith  
at 556-4397

**Aug. 6, Golf Tournament**

For info, call Dennis Martin  
at 556-4773



## Register required civilian employment information on Internet

More than two-thirds of the 302nd Airlift Wing members haven't registered their civilian employment information, which is required by the Air Force and by federal law.

The Reserve Civilian Employment Registration Web link can be found on the wing Web site at <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/302aw/welcome.htm>. This will take you to the Reserve Affairs Web site, where you will input the required information.

The Web Links section of the home page contains key areas useful to 302nd AW members to include: JAG Training, Information Awareness, AF Portal, V-MPF, MyPay, Medical RCPHA Site, Physical Fitness, Suicide Prevention, Training Newsletter, 302nd Web Based Mail, 302nd MCP and NAF MCP.

The wing site also offers visitors the wing staff directory and quick look directory, unit gtraining assembly dates, information about

the 302nd AW units, wing and Air Force publications and forms, base map, directions to the base, pictures, news, weather and information about Air Force Reserve job opportunities.

If you need desktop support, there is a link on the home page as well.

Viewers can also peruse current and previous issues of the 302nd AW's monthly magazine - Front Range Flyer.



### Colorado visit

Below, Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, straps into a glider at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs May 14 for a brief flight around the Colorado Springs area. At right, following the flight the general enjoyed lunch with Airman Dana B. Payne (left), 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron readiness helper, and Senior Airman Victoria M. Anderson (center), 302nd CES material control specialist, as well as several other 302nd Airlift Wing members at Peterson Air Force Base's Aragon Dining Facility.

General Bankers visited the area during the May unit training assembly to attend the Summit 38 Memorial Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony marked the 10th anniversary of the May 13, 1995 C-130 crash near Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. The crash claimed the lives of six 302nd AW crew members. (Glider photo by Maj. Dave Rodriguez, 302nd Operations Group/Detachment 1; dining hall photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)